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SUBJECT: KOUNTCHE ADDRESSES POPULAR MEETING IN NIAMEY

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1. PRESIDENT OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, LT COL SEYNI KOUNTCHE EXPLAINED REASONS FOR ARMY TAKEOVER AND NEW GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM APRIL 24 TO AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING IN NIAMEY'S NATIONAL STADIUM. THIS WAS FIRST PUBLIC MEETING WHICH KOUNTCHE HAS ADDRESSED IN NIAMEY SINCE APRIL 15 COUP.

2. KOUNTCHE'S SPEECH WAS ESSENTIALLY REITERATION OF HIS FIRST SPEECH TO NATION ON MORNING OF COUP AND APRIL 23 POLICY SPEECH. HE TOUCHED ON SUBJECTS OF ORDER, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY WHICH HAVE BECOME NEW REGIME'S MAJOR THEMES. IN THE COURSE OF SPEECH HE ANNOUNCED THAT COMMISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING ALLEGED MALPRACTICES AND CORRUPTION OF DIORI GOVERNMENT WOULD BEGIN ITS WORK WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS.

3. KOUNTCHE'S PEECH WAS PRECEDED BY SHORT TALKS IN HAUSA AND DJERMA BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, MINES UNCLASSIFIED

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AND GEOLOGY, MAJOR SANI SIDO, AND MINISTER OF CIVIL

SERVICE AND LABOR, MAJOR IDRISSE HAROUNA, RESPECTIVELY.

4. THE CROWD, IN FEATIVE MOOD AND BURGEONED BY FACT
THAT CIVIL SERVANTS AND OTHER WORKERS GIVEN AFTERNOON
OFF, WAS LARGEST IN RECENT NIAMEY HISTORY. IT REPEATEDLY
INTERRUPTED SPEAKERS WITH BURSTS OF APPLAUSE WHEN ALLUSIONS
MADE TO PREVIOUS REGIME'S MALADMINISTRATION, CORRUPTION
AND NEPOTISM.BUCHE

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